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In re Application of  
BECKER, et al.  
U.S. Application No.: 10/568,167  
PCT No.: PCT/EP04/09019  
Int. Filing Date: 12 August 2004  
Priority Date: 12 August 2003  
Attorney's Docket No.: 3724.1007-000  
For: CONJUGATED POLYMERS CONTAINING  
DIHYDROPHENANTHRENE UNITS AND USE  
THEREOF

DECISION ON PETITION  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.182

This decision is in response to applicant's "Transmittal of Declaration For Patent Application and Power of Attorney" filed 10 May 2006 in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). The submission of inventor Corinna Leske (nee Haase) is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 to accept a name change in the inventor. As authorized, the \$400.00 petition fee will be charged to deposit account number 08-0380.

**BACKGROUND**

On 12 August 2004, applicant filed international application PCT/EP04/09019, which claimed priority of an earlier application filed 12 August 2003. A copy of the International Application was forwarded to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) from the International Bureau (IB) on 17 February 2005. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.495, the thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired at midnight on 12 February 2006.

On 09 February 2006, applicant filed a transmittal letter for entry into the national stage in the United States, which was accompanied by the requisite basic national fee as required by 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1); an English translation of the international application as filed and a First preliminary amendment.

On 10 May 2006, applicant filed the present petition; an executed combined declaration and power of attorney of the inventors; a explanation from counsel regarding the name and signature of inventor Corinna Leske (nee Haase) and a separate declaration regarding the name change executed by inventor Corinna Leske (nee Haase).

**DISCUSSION**

The present petition is accompanied by a declaration setting forth the procedure whereby the change of name was effected; namely by marriage. The declaration is executed by Mrs. Leske detailing her current married name and her maiden name. As such, it is appropriate to grant applicant's petition at this time. Further, a review of the application file reveals that all of the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371 for entry into the national stage in the United States have now been satisfied.

**CONCLUSION**

The petition under 37 CFR 1.182 to change the inventor's name from Corinna Haase to Corinna Leske is **GRANTED**.

As authorized the \$400.00 petition fee will be deducted from Deposit Account No.: 08-0380.

The application has an international filing date of 12 August 2004 under 35 U.S.C. 363 and will be given a date of **10 May 2006** under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4).

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch of the International Division for continued national stage processing.



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